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he divide and showing all th waters of the Greenbrier into P

Instead of this the maps sho hat the line follows the crest of he mcuntain until it reaches th point on Back Alleghany Moun tain where the Staunton & Park ersburg Turnpika reaches the to and then it shows a straight lin 134 miles long, crossing both branches of the Greenbrier Rive to the main Alleghanies South of the Haystack Mountain.

This is the line that Randolp contended for and which she los and with it one of the best timber sections in the State Her citizen often refer to this section as the land that Pocahontas stole from her. We maintain that you earn everything you are able to steal from Randoiph County, and while it may be wrong to steal from that county yet at the same time it is one of those sins impossible to

This then is the story of the changing of the map in this section, only the maps so far have refused to change.

In 1877 the legislature of West Greenbrier and adjoining counties, ties. In following it the Circuit the marriage license of the cle Court of Pocanontas County in of the county court of Pendleton 1879 appointed S. H. Clark, J. County. This was in 1821. In C. Price, and W. H. Overholt, 1822 the County of Pocahontas commissioners on the part of Po- was organized. "I was there at cahontas, and the Circuit Court of the time," the witness adds. H Randolph County appointed L. D. Strader, B. W. Crawford and Alleghany and Back Alleghany Nicholas Marstiller, commissioners on the part of Randolph coun-, County testified that he was com ty, to meet and settle the dispute missioner of the revenue of Per as to boundary lines in the Wider- dleton County in the year 180' ness on the upper waters of Green- and for fourteen years after. John

Yeager, Abaam Burner, Mose Following the statute they chose Houchin, John Slaven, William Col. B. W. Byrne, a prominent Houchiz, and Adam Arbogast lawyer of Braxton County as um- lived in that part of Pendleton pire. On the Randolph commis- known as Head of Greenbrier dursion was a celebrated lawyer, Mr. ing that time. Had heard th and in the Supreme Court of Ap. Strader. Mr. Marstiller was a two mountains called Back Alle surveyor and Mr. Crawford a far- ghany and Far Alleghany. mer. Mr. Clark was a surveyor, answer to a question said that Mr. Price a farmer and Mr. Over- had heard of some difficulty be holt, a merchant. tween Col. Hull of Pendleton The commissioners met in 1880 County and Col. Brown of Bath

> and having looked the ground County relative to taking away over and heard all arguments the this portion of Bath and adding i men from the two counties lined to Pendleton. up against each other each for the Moses H. Arbogast testifie contention of his home county. I that the Hay Stack Mountain Col. Byrne cast the deciding vote could be seen from Back Allegha and he with the three commission ny on a clear day. That all ers of Pocahontae county signed the Greenbrier waters were co the report. The Randolph cosnsidered as lying in Pocahenta lince the county was formed as before that in Pendleton. Jacob G. Slavens testified tha een the counties threw all the he had paid taxes and sold lar erritory drained by the Greeu- in the disputed territory as lying orier to Pocahoutas. The line in Pocahoutas.

> followed the dividing ridges and Oral testimony was as follows ests making the northern part of S. L. Mathews went to school in Possbontas to have an approxi- the neighborhood of Slavens 1815 and that the mountain wa mority report is very called Greenbrier in 1822, prev port stating that it believed that one to that time Back Alleghany, from where the turnpike erossed Had always understood that the mountain the line ran as fol- was the mountain that divided lows and quoted the words of the Randolph and Bath Counties et forming the new county of Po- Had formed an opinion that and used quotation straight line such as was called the top of Alleghany Mountain County would not include son poposite the head of the east fork of land on the upper waters of Greenbrier River." This is Greenbrier River.

MARLINTON, W. Va- the 134 mile line portrayed on the By another witness "Arbogast" Will practice throughout Pocs- map. As settled by the courts that all the inhabitants on Gree report except where perhaps the ing in Pocahontas County.

to the obvious intent of the parties, of Pendlet in County. Knew the Ve . In looking over all the data that mountain under the n

nce that had been collected on regarded as Perdleton before this very point in the land suit of formation of Pocahontas an McNeel a citizen of Poca- afterwards as Pocahontas County. itas County and Wm. Hamil- Pendleton had never exercised a citizen of Randolph. Ham- jurisdiction over any of the terrihad entered a tract of land tory west of Alleghany mountain since the formation of Pocaho region as in Poca-County and Cal. McNeel tas County. All wolve scale " County. The Ran- taken on Greenbrier Waters

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in Pendleton vet being Pendleton by a narrow strip 10 onestly mistaken in the bounds- rods in width. All the territor liner it did not invalidate his in dispute was regarded as lyin o Pocahentas County.

Moses H. Arbogast testified This suit was pending in the that since the formation of Pocaifties and reached the Supreme Court. Pocaliontas had plenty of hontas County he had killed three evidence on the part of the father. wolves in disputed territory and of Pocahontes county swearing had proven the same as killed in in behalf of their native county Pocahontas County. That the and the Randolph county litigant, head of the East Branch of the Randolph had nothing to answer Greenbrier is in a depression at such evidence with. The voices the Haystack Knobs,

of the dead as preserved in that (This fact is the most important old chancery suit decided the con- of all. To adhere strictly to the troversy between the two counties, calls in the act forming the Coun-To understand the controversy by of Pocahontas, the disputed it is necessary to know that the territory if left to Pendleton would not join that coun-River is bounded on one side, by ty. In order then to make the act effective all of that portion to side by Back Alleghany. The the west of the All ghany necestwo mountains are connected by a sarily fell to the New County.)

high mountain. From this ridge Bath County in the Legislature in the Greenbrier flows south and 1819 when the first effort was Cheat River north. Shavers Fork made to create the new County of of Cheat lies west still of Back Pocahoutas. Assisted in getting 1902. Alleghany, but the rest of the Cheat Branches head opposite the up the petition for the new county. Always considered that all of the territory of Bath and Pen-Samuel Ruckman testified that

Another witness "White" Pocahontas all land west of Alleghany Mountain was considered as being in Pocahontas.

It was also proven that when n effort was made to build a road had heard the mountain called o connect Randolph with the poard that the commissioner to view the road stopped at the dividing of the waters and that Pendleton County took it up there.

William Skeen as attorney for the Randolph plaintiff who was interesting in perfecting the title of Pocahontas to this territory shows in his petition to the Supreme Court how the line been deflected for many miles from a point, "opposite the head of the East Fork" in order to give an opening of 100 poles for Pendleton to "slip its arm through; then to stretch it-widening, broadening, lengthning"-so as to sccure this territory.

We have been able to give only brief summary of the evidence as most of it is technical and constantly refers to the maps, but it is sufficient to say that a Randolph County citizen made out a strong case, and when thirty years after the commission met Pocahontas County had full data from which to prove her case.

The cells favored County's contention, but as in deeds the calls were shown to b wrong and had to give way to nat-

take should have been made for the formation around the head of the Greenbrier is peculiar. Two order of their appointment. very high mountains run parallel, Back Alleghany and Far Alleghany, fifteen miles apart. At the head of the valley they are connected by a high mountain, thirit was a matter of regret that Hav port distances. As hap- lived on the turnpike for 50 years County, and that geographies can 1898-1900; Henry Lawson 1901err. The latter is a thought that 03; Jesse D. Pope 1903.

We hope to see the map of Po-

IN POCAHONTAS.

Forty Years Ago.

The particulars of Levelton circuit Mattie E. Ruckman of Seebert in 1908; George T. Tyler 1903. sponse to a request made. The following is a register Rev. P. S. E. Sixens, 1865 re- to the Green Bank circuit six nained three years; S. P. Hyde 1865 to date. R. Nanhorn in 1875 and remained four years. and served four years; S. Town- years, L. Fox 1881 four years; send 1883 remained one year; J. K. Gilbert 1885, three years; A. O. Armstrong 1884, one year; W. H. Ballengee 1888, four Service, L. H. Graybill 1885, years; G. R. Neese 1899 on one year; W. E. Miller 1886 year; H. L. Potter 1898, Sydenstricker 1896, four years; years; J. M. Eavy 1897, two A. E. Hamill 1894, two years years; A. C. Hamill 1899, one Benjamin Cackley represented John H. Dills 1896, four years year; John W. McNeill 1900 service: W. J. Whitesell 1900, four years.

The Presiding Elders named in the order of their succession, J. H. Waugh, J. K. Gilbert, W. West he married a daughter of John settle Slaven who lived near where Dur-Dice, David Bush D. D., H. W. Kinzer, J. D. Martin, J. S. Hutchinson, Geo. T. Tyler present incumbent.

The information in reference to the Huntersville circuit was obliging furnished by Mr. J. C. Loury. In an explanatory note he says, that there are no church records. in hand earlier than 1873. Previous to that time his information is to the effect that Huntersville appointment belonged part of the time, to Green Bank circuit and part of the time, to Levelton, circuit, and that some of the preachers from 1865 to 1873. were Fletcher Butt, Charles A. Joyce, James R. Smith and Milton A. Taylor. From 1873 to 1877, what is now the Huntersville circuit appears on the quarterly conference records "Edray circuit." In 1877 the first heading of Huntersville cirthe first quarterly conference for that year, and has so continued ever since. The following is list of the Presiding Elders of Lewisburg District, M. E. C. South since 1873. John L. Gilbert 1873-74. Wm

G. Coe D. D. 1874-77; Adam Boude 1877-79; John C. Dice 1879-83; David Bush D. D 1883-1887; Hamilton W. Kinz 1887-90; S. G. Ferguson 1890-92; W. G. Hammond 1892-96; J. D. Martin 1896-99; J. S. Hutchinson 1899-1903; George T. Tyler 1903. The preachers who have served Edray and Huntersville circuits M. E. church South, are the following in the

John W. Canter 1873-76; X'mas Rufus M. Wheeler 1876-79; Joseph J. Crickenberger 1879-80; Wm. N. Wagner 1880-82; David has returned home, L. Reid 1892-83; John C. teen miles long, one of the peaks Thrasher 1888-84; E. Y. Ginn of which is Mt Bayard or Hay 1884-85; Charles W. Mark Stack Mountain, the highest point 1885-86; W. G. Cassard 1886-87; Samuel A. Parker 1887-88; James L. Henderson 1888-90; taught bo Miss Lucy C. Smith Leroy F. Snapp 1890-91; Isaac G. Michael 1891-92; Charles M. ng to the geography, but in the Sarver 1892-95; George H. Echols 1895-97; B. L. Parrott his mountain is in Pocahontas 1897-98; James M. Anderson

never crossed our minds in those sented in this sketch by Wm. H. Hull Esq. He cheerfully

ort, but went so far as to say, "Allow me to thank you very andly for the interest you are WHO HAVE HELD CHARGES manifesting in the matter, and M. E. C. South, Presiding Elders that have been in charge since 865 are J. Hoffman Waugh 865, four years; John L. Gilbert 1869, four years; Wm. G. Cos D. D. 1873, two years, A. Poe Boude 1875, four years, John C. sty and the compiler of this Dice 1879, four years; David mond 1992-96, J. D. Martin were kindly furnished by Miss 1896-99; J. S. Hutchinson 1899-

gh The Pocahontas Times the M. E. S. Preachers appoint

in 1868 remained but a brief Wm. R. McNeer 1865, one time, the year being filled out by year; C. A. Joyce 1866, four J. H. Meridith and James E. years; S. F. Butt 1870, two Moore: C. A. Joyce 1869 and years; J. J. Crickenber 1879, served four years; L. H. Baldwin two years; Leslie H. Davis 1874. in 1978 and served two years; J. one year: H. M. Strickler 1875,

four years; V. W. Wheeler, 1879 A. O. Armstrong 1879 two four years service; Christopher years; J. T. Maxwell 1895 two

two years service; Charles A. From the foregoing it is learn-Lynch, the present incumbent, ed that the interests of the M. S. Church are represented three well equipped circuits.

The Levelton circuit includes lower Pocahontas, the Huntersville circuit covers central Pocahontas while Green Bank emthese circuits have commodious anses and the church edifices are up to date.

The ministers and members of the M. E. S. denomination ought to be a very sincere and pure people for they have the heavier part Live Stock industry. of the responsibility resting upon them as to the present and future character of our people for piety and genuine devotion to the sav-

A similar line of remarks nembers of the M. E. Church since the two denominations occupy all the county centres of nfluence and have the ear and sympathy of such a large percentage of the people. W. T. P.

West Union.

We are having plenty of snow and cold weather in this part. The social at Mr. Duncan's vas enjoyed by all X'mas night. Roy Crummet was looking is prepared and business of imfter his interest during X'mas. C. B. Van Reenan is in ver ad health at this time.

Wm. Sharp and wife have gone n a visit to Tenn. to see the Rev. A. M. Crabtree preach very interesting sermon Sunday. George Doyle and Roye Loan of a new one, are doing a job of hanling logs to

isiting Mr. Van Reenans, Mon-

isiting his mother Tuesday. was visiting his sister during

J. M. Kenrison has come home from the State of Washington

Miss May Moore who has been

Our school is progressing nicely

ldren all under the age of six still getting out the lumber re-

MARRIED.

Rev. J. W. McNeil officiating at whose request W. T. Price oc-Mr. Elmer D. Burner the chief cupied the chair. The devotion-

party adjourned to the home of he groom's father, Mr. Allen arner where with genuine hos pitality they andor their many of the Greeks." In reference to nvited friends were delightfully ertained. Miss Bessie Coope added to the enjoyment of the ceasion by playing a number of elections of music on the piano The presents were numerous and handsome and attested the sepularity of both parties. We oin with their many friends in songratulation and trust that the close of their married life will b as happy as the beginning.

A FRIEND.

Taylor-Fitzgerald.

Miss Edith Hogsett the beau tiful daughter of Mr. R. S. Fitz gerald of the Oakgrove neighborhood and Mr. Benj. Franklin Taylor son of the late Jacob K Taylor of Dunmore. A prosper ous young farmer was married at the home of the bride, Dec. 30. 1903 by Rev. J. W. McNeil. 7 After the ceremony the guests

was served to a bountiful dinner. The attendants were Mr. Russell Crowley and Miss Cliffie Fitzgerald. Mr. Lacy Fitzgerald deportment and treat the pupils and Miss Emma McNeil.

A WELL WISHER.

Call For a Convention.

Virginia Live Stock Association and all others interested in the

Complying with the orders of the teacher in examinations, the Executive Committee, we have the honor to advise the general public that the Third Annual ing of souls from the coming Convention of the West Virginia Live Stock Association will convene in Commencement Hall, W. pertinent to the ministers and Va. University, Morgantown, Va., Jan. 14, 15, 1904, and will continue through as many sessions as the business may require. The State Grange will hold its annual meetings in the same hall

Jan. 11th to 13th inclusive. These Live Stock meetings embrace all branches of the Live Stock and Dairy industry. A State Dairy Association and a State Farmers Institute Society will be organized. 'A program portance will be discussed.

Respectfully. H. E. WILLIAMS, Sec. Duo, W. Va.

severe stroke of paralysis. He after paralyzed.

appreciated by the people of the community and but hope the good work already begun.

Miss Mary Duncan is on the after lumber on the mountain. Mr. Black is track walker for

The Hosterman Lumber Co. is

Teachers Institute.

Teachers Institute for Edray District pursuant to notice met at the Marfinton Academy Saturday of the bride's morning, January 2, being called to order by County Supt. Grimes ice of the town of Cass who exercises were conducted by W. been a faithful officer of the T. Price with singing, reading and Miss Mary Louise selections os scripture and prayer. The following teachers were in attendance, Misses Georgina fter hearty congratulations Hannah, Lucy Hannah, Sallie Wilson, Prof. A. C. Knight and

> Miss Lucy Hannah recited "The naid of the Inn." Prof. Knight read an essay on the "Education these exercises it is pertinent to observe both were entertaining and instructive.

Miss Georgiana Hannah read an essay on "Reading" that should be classed with the very

The importance of diacritical narks and how to teach the same, were discussed by Messrs Moore, Knight and Supt. Grimes.

School discipline punishments and rewards were discussed by Messrs. Knight, Moore, Price and Supt. Grimes. It was the prevailing sentiment that as long as human nature remains as it is the rod, or its equivalent a solutary fear of it is indispensable in successful school discipline.

Manners in the school room, a round table topic was considered by the Supt. Miss Georgianna Hannah and Messrs. Knight and Price. There was a virtual agreement in the opinion that teachers should be the models of as they were expected to address

The Superintendent earnestly advised the teachers to pay special attention to the course of reading recommended for the Reading To the members of the West Circle, not only for the personal improvement of the teacher individually but also of the effect it may have in fixing the grade of

Mr. Grimes made a good impression as to his qualifications for his duties as Superiutendent His |zeal in the cause was illustrated by his riding seventeen miles over the icy roads and through the heavy rains and was on hand at the hour, rang the bell, made the fire, took part in the exercises and then after the adjournment at 4 p. m. retraced the seventeen miles on horse back to his home on Bruffery Creek.

736 Lives Lost

The most terrible loss of life ever recorded in a theatre fire occurred at Chicago last Wednesnesda evening December 30th. when 736 persons were trampled and burned to death and 400 more or less injured in a panic ensuing from the explosion of a calcium light tank at the Iroquois Theater The old year is gone and we during the rendering of the comic stand as it were on the threshold opera, Extravaganza, Mr. Bluebeard. The building Uncle William Collins died the structed upon modern plans, every 4th after lingering a week with a precaution being used to ward against catastrophes of this kind by having many large exits, and He was 83 the stage being walled off by a years old and a man of a great fire-proof curtain of asbestus vitality. He was abundantly which failed to work at the crucial Harper Anderson from Lobelia human and intensely kind, his time. The immense audience im home was always ready to re- mediately became panic stricken saive the most humble. He will and a wild rush for the doors enbe much missed at home and in sued. Women and children were staying with Mrs. John Young the community. He is survived trampled under foot and in a few by his wife, several children and minutes a mass of mangled hu manity twelve feet high blocked Rev. Blackhurst preached at the exits. Meanwhile the flames but expects to return there in the Hosterman the 3 inst. He is spread with such rapidity that the upper floors fell'in an incredibly short time carrying with them he will remain with us to continue hundreds of people and hurying many more. The whole of the Our school is progressing nice- fire and police department were v under the management of Mr. soon upon the scence but could do little else than aid the injured and Mr. Perry Stover is looking keep in check the flames which threatened other building.

All calls by phone and mail by the ides that Pocahontas must brier and Slavens Mountain. All square instead of a triangle.

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